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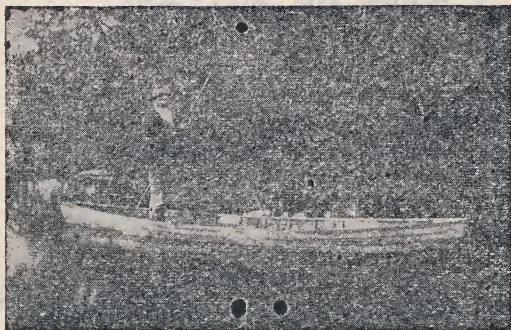
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*William Rufus Shafter*

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# Highlights in Galesburg History

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'Tis said political corruption named Galesburg. George L. Gale came to Michigan in the fall of 1836. Traveling along the Kalamazoo, he was attracted by a site for a mill. A man wont to act quickly, he located, hired men, began the construction of a mill race and after months of assurance and a decreasing amount of money, literally went broke. After exercising what influence he had left, he persuaded the few settlers to name the settlement Galesburg. William Harris, who had wealth and affluence, claimed corruption was used to name the village which by right was to have been Harrisburg. We will let descendants of these worthy gentlemen judge as to the correctness of the statement.

A settlement means, buildings both for habitation, business, worship, and education. The first building in Galesburg above the log cabin order was a frame structure erected in 1836 by Philip Gray. It was later used as a store by Schroder & Olin. This building was for many years known as "Gray's Castle," being the only frame building in the hamlet. This structure served as a dwelling, store, church and even gave a room for education.

Passing over that period of struggle of our ancestors to maintain a village amid the primitive surroundings, we find in 1880 a flourishing town of seven hundred population, drawing from many miles around for its custom. The Civil War had called and the call had been answered, many of Galesburg's sons marched away and some never again trode the village streets under the maples.

The business of the village included: two hotels, two general stores, two drug stores, two groceries, a bank, a meat market, a furniture store, an undertaking establishment, a book store, a harness shop, two hardware stores, two millinery shops, a bake shop, a barber shop, a cigar and confectionery store, a

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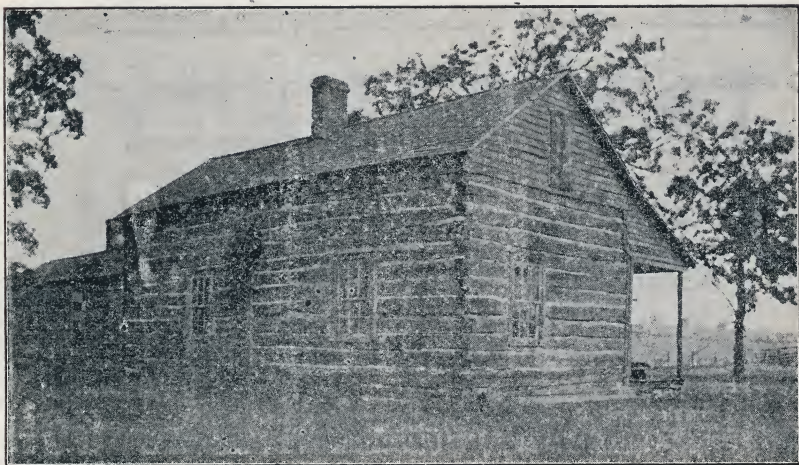
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shoe store, a restaurant, a livery barn, and two blacksmith shops. Four practicing physicians, two lawyers and a dentist were the professional men of that period.

The newspaper of the time was *The Enterprise*, a modest weekly. When a rival paper was started in 1891 by Henry Ford, J. B. Smiley, publisher of the former sheet sold out to Mr. Ford and a semi-weekly resulted. This paper is now being published in the village under the editorship of R. D. Bibbins, a newcomer from St. Joseph.

The village now had four churches—Adventist, Baptist, Methodist and Congregational.

The school system had risen from a one-room education center, holding school in the winter months only when the youth



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## HIGHLIGHTS—Continued

of the village were not needed on the farms, to an institution employing six teachers and located in a two-story brick structure erected in the '60's. The school was now graded and had graduated its first class under Superintendent Ross Ingersol in 1876. As an addition to its equipment, it was presented in 1899 with the "William J. Schroder Memorial Laboratory Equipment."

The annual report of School District No. 3, Township of Comstock, made in 1845, gives the following data: Number of pupils who attended school during the year, 88; number of teachers, 2, Rufus S. Clapp and Emma Jane Whitford, the former received twenty dollars per month and board, and the latter four and one-third dollars and board; number of months school was in session, 8; number of private or select schools in the district, 4.

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## HIGHLIGHTS—Continued

Dearborn, had proven a good hotel town. Two houses catered to the public in the '80's and '90's, and one was added in 1900. The Bennett House, erected in the '60's, and by the way this was a historic place. The fact that three people had committed suicide there and one died from rifle wounds added to its notoriety. The Galesburg House, known as the "Old Brick," erected later, which stood on the corner of Main and Pearl Streets, and was moved in 1886 to the east side of the village, giving way for the Corey Block, a fine brick block. The "Warren House" was erected on East Battle Creek St., in 1900, by H. H. Warren. It now stands, the only hotel in the village.

As a manufacturing town, Galesburg has never prospered although at different times, the Gold Medal Remedy Co., two canning factories, a windmill factory, a foundry and Blake Bros. Stock Food Co. have manufactured here.

In 1844 "The Old Red Mill," a "grist" and flour mill, was built in the village on the race that George L. Gale had started. The mill still stands and is now operated by steam power.

Harry Noble, the four-year-old Stallion belonging to W. S. Kirby of the Valley Stock Farm, held the world's record, 2:17½, in 1889. He took it that year in St. Louis, Mo. The horse died in 1891. The Sporting blood of the village was often roused, for many races were run on the track on the Kirby farm. The grounds were also used for athletic sports because of the large grand stand accommodating several hundred people. The track was broken up into fields in 1905 and the grand stand torn down.

In 1892 the Masonic Temple was built on East Main Street. Besides the Masonic Lodge, the village now boasted the following fraternal and social orders: Galesburg Cornet Band, W. C. T. U., Galesburg Lyceum, G. A. R., Knights and Ladies of the Maccabees, K. of P.'s, Rebekah's and Ladies' Library.

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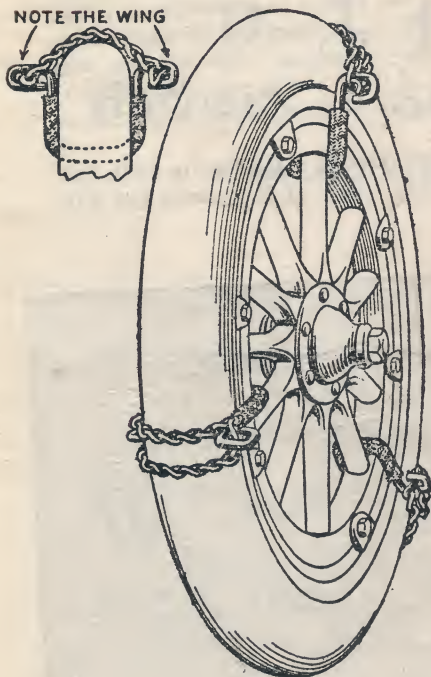
1900 seemed a year of modernizing. A new brick building was built on Pearl Street by the village to be used as a village hall, jail, and fire station. The same year, the Michigan Traction Co. laid its tracks through Galesburg. The first car went over the tracks the Fourth of July. That year the oil lights lighting the streets gave way to electric lights. Many homes were wired for electricity.

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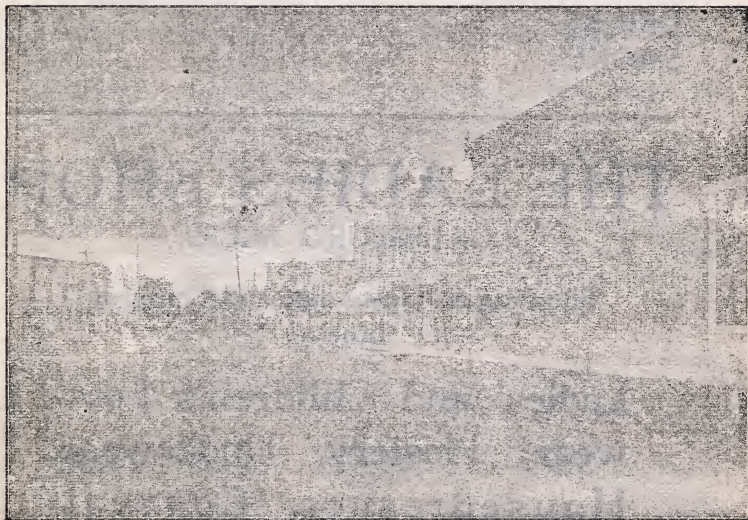


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In 1904, in consequence of the double tracking of the Michigan Central Railroad, a part of a high wooden bridge that the Michigan Traction Company had built over that road was removed and in its place a steel bridge, which for strength and engineering triumph is unsurpassed in this part of the state. This bridge is eight hundred feet long and more than twenty-two feet above the rails below.

The first automobile in Galesburg drove through the streets in 1907. It was owned by Dr. Arthur Burroughs.

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- 9:45 A. M. Address of Welcome.....Rev. O. J. Golden  
Short Program
- 10:00 A. M. Story Hour—Reminiscence of Long Ago. Intensely  
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- 11:00 A. M. Band
- 11:15 A. M. Viewing of Old-Time Relics—Souvenirs of Pioneer  
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- 11:30 A. M. Hand-Shaking, Visiting and Luncheon Under the  
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- 1:30 P. M. Parade, Reviewed by the Governor and Military  
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- 1:45 P. M. Parade at Attention.  
Unveiling of Shafter Memorial  
Invocation.....Capt. Geo. W. Plews  
America—Band and Audience  
Led by Mrs. L. V. Rogers  
Parade Continued to Place of Speaking
- 2:00 P. M. Dedicatory Address.....Hon. Wm. W. Potter  
Acceptance.....M. A. Douglass  
Congratulations.....Governor Albert E. Sleeper  
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## HIGHLIGHTS—Continued

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In 1910 two important issues were put before the voters: bonding for \$11,000 to put in a pumping station and fire apparatus, and an ordinance prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors in the corporate limits of the village. Both issues passed.

Wesley Damerall erected a fine brick block on the corner of Main and Pearl Streets in 1912. This structure is occupied by the Post Office and Galesburg State Bank.

On Aug. 4, 1914, Fred Zinn, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Zinn, left Galesburg. He was next heard from in France, as a member of the Foreign Legion. He was the first Galesburg boy to enter the world war.

In 1916 Galesburg had its first Municipal Christmas Tree.

In 1917, the State Legislature passed an appropriation giving Galesburg a \$5,000 memorial to Major-General William R. Shafter.

Saturday evening, Feb. 1, 1919, one of the biggest fires Galesburg has suffered started in the Cory Block, from an overheated chimney. It swept out three business blocks, damaging a fourth. The Brown Block, one of the three, has been rebuilt. The loss was estimated at \$40,000.

Dr. F. A. Towsley, a member of the first graduating class of Galesburg High School, died at his home in Midland, Mich., July 25, 1919.

Aug. 22, 1919, the Shafter Memorial is dedicated. It is erected at the intersection of Main and Battle Creek Streets.

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Area—One square mile

Assessed valuation—\$521,725.00

Attendance in the Galesburg Public Schools during the past  
school year—194

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## GALESBURG'S BUSINESS PLACES

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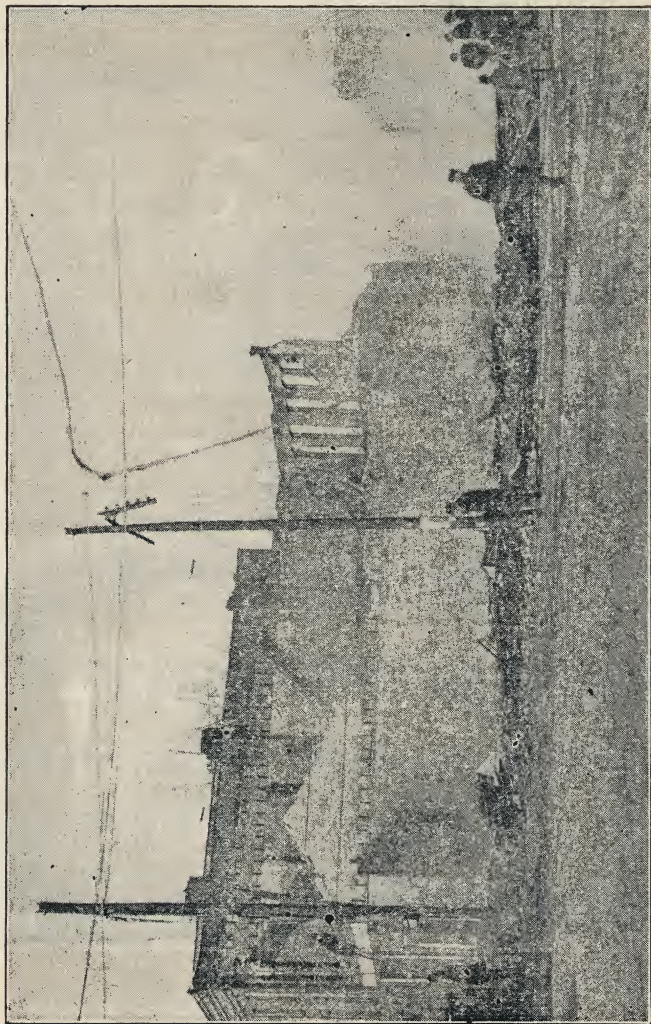
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GALESBURG AFTER THE FIRE OF FEB. 1, 1919





MAJOR-GENERAL WILLIAM R. SHAFTER  
1835-1906

# William Rufus Shafter

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In a little log cabin, still standing just out of Galesburg, William Rufus Shafter was born the 16th of October, 1835, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Shafter, staunch New Englanders.

Receiving his education in the Galesburg school, at the age of twenty-one he began the vocation of school teaching, and continued to teach in this part of the state in the winter seasons until 1861.

In 1861, he attended the spring term of Prairie Seminary in Richland. At the close of the term, when war was in the air, he enlisted in the Seventh Michigan Infantry as first lieutenant, being promoted the following year to major of the Nineteenth Michigan Infantry, of which regiment he became lieutenant-colonel in 1867.

Then followed a meteorical career as an officer under the Union and with the Stars and Stripes in the Spanish-American War. Colonel of the Seventeenth United States Colored Troops, this being one of the first colored regiments, organized in 1868, was his next rank. Colonel Shafter was a participant in the siege of Yorktown, in the battles of West Point, Fair Oaks, Savage Station, Glendale, Malvern Hills, and in the affair at Thompson Station, and in the battles of December 15 and 16, 1864, in front of Nashville. Passing through the Civil War with great credit to himself, he was, in 1865, brevetted brigadier-general, and mustered out of the service in 1866, having been made lieutenant-colonel in the regular army, and assigned to the Twenty-Fourth Infantry, and entered upon duty on the western frontier, in which service he was engaged until his pro-

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## William Rufus Shafter—Continued

motion to the colonelcy of the First Infantry in 1879. At the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, General Shafter, who was brigadier-general in the regular army, was appointed by President McKinley, major-general of the volunteers, and was assigned to the Fifth Army Corps. To him was intrusted the invasion of Cuba, which campaign was so quickly and successfully ended by his victory at Santiago.

With the close of the war, General Shafter returned to his post in command of the Department of California. He has won both praise and admiration from the American public on account of his great bravery and knowledge which was unerring of military tactics.

Of his private life, little has been recorded. He was married in 1862 to Miss Hattie Grimes, of Athens, Calhoun County, Michigan. One daughter was born to them. As to the home life we must judge from the remarks of his friends who said of him: "Always a gentleman, courteous, kind, and loyal." His one delight when granted any furlough or leave was to come back to Galesburg and go fishing in the streams he knew in his boyhood.

Having given forty-five almost uninterrupted years of service to his country, at the age of seventy-two, November 12, 1906, he quietly died at the home of his daughter in Bakersville, California, near his last station in the "service." His wife had preceded him in death by several years. The daughter, Mrs. C. McKittrick, of Bakersville, is the only near relative who survives.

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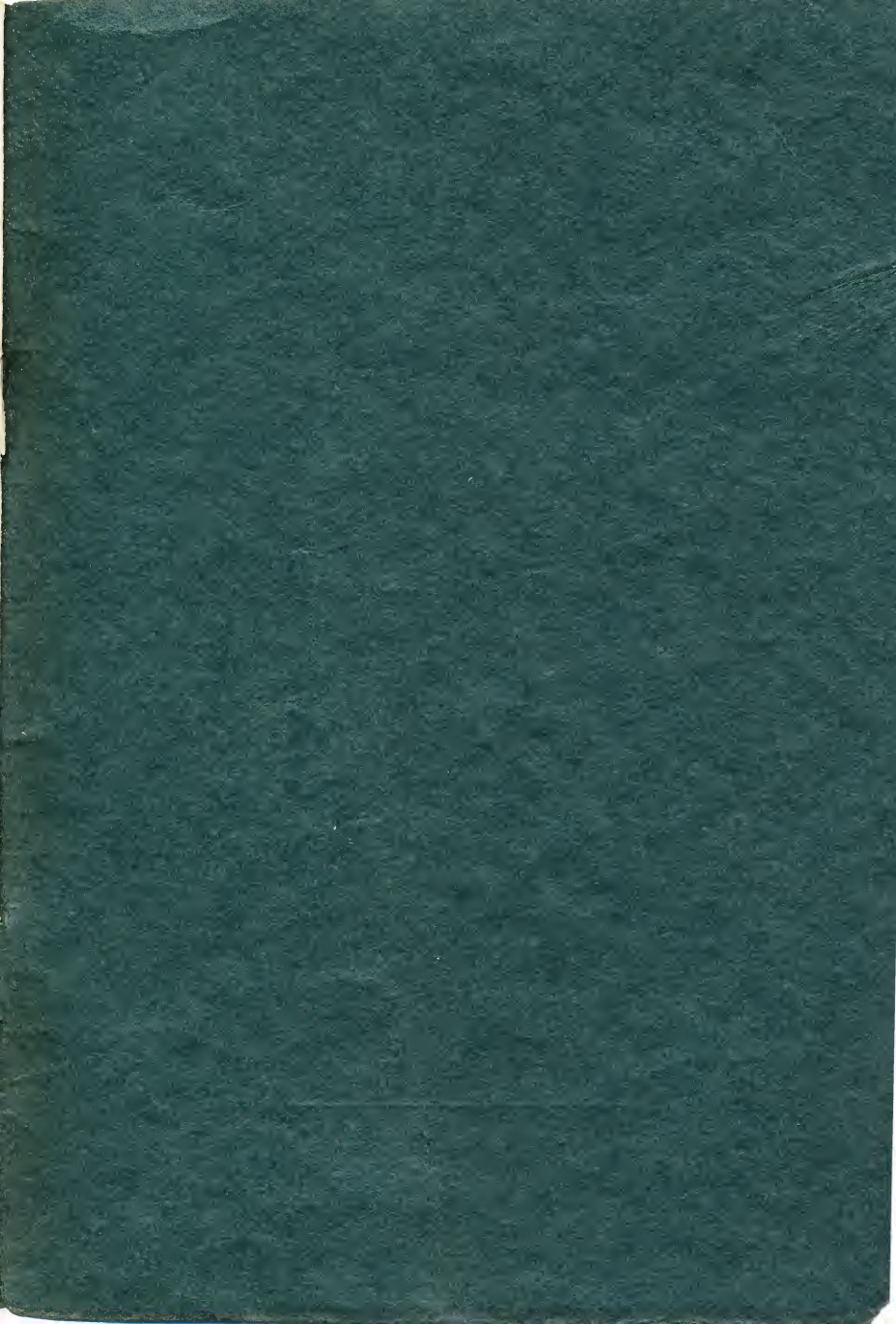
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Hon. Charles A. Weissert introduced in the State legislature in session in 1917 a bill for the erection in the village of Galesburg a memorial to General William R. Shafter, one of Galesburg's sons. The bill passed and Governor Albert E. Sleeper appointed as a committee to arrange for the erection of the memorial, William Potter, of Hastings, chairman; M. J. Jordan, of Middleville and M. A. Douglass, of Galesburg. The Shafter Memorial was erected May 30, 1919, on a plot of ground at the intersection of Main and Battle Creek Streets, given the village by I. R. Jones. The dedication took place August 22, 1919.



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